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**WILMINGTON ALLIANCE PARTNERS WITH THE DELAWARE CONTEMPORARY TO LAUNCH
DUAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM FOR LOCAL ARTISTS**

*The "Full Circle" residency program aims to bridge the gap between emerging artists
and the local community.*

Wilmington, DE – (September 19, 2024) – Wilmington Alliance is excited to announce a new partnership with The Delaware Contemporary Museum. This collaboration, set to commence in October 2024, will see the launch of the innovative "Full Circle" dual residency program designed to amplify the professional growth of local underrepresented artists and foster deeper community engagement.

The partnership will integrate Wilmington Alliance's Artist in Residence program at the Art O Mat (501 W 7th St.) with The Delaware Contemporary Museum's ARC - Artist in Residence program. This synergy aims to provide four selected local artists with unparalleled opportunities for professional development and community-led experiences.

Under this dual residency initiative, the selected artists will benefit from resources and support from both organizations. They will have access to studio space and mentorship at The Delaware Contemporary Museum, known for its cutting-edge exhibitions and support for contemporary artists, and at Wilmington Alliance's Art O Mat, a vibrant community center in the heart of West Center City.

Key Highlights of the Dual Residency Program:

- **Professional Development-** Artists will receive tailored guidance and resources from both organizations, enhancing their creative practice and career trajectory.
- **Community Engagement-** The program emphasizes the importance of community involvement, offering artists the platform to engage with local audiences, participate in collaborative projects, and contribute to community enrichment.
- **Exhibition Opportunities-** The residency will culminate in exhibitions and public presentations, showcasing the artists' work and fostering greater appreciation for local art within the Wilmington community.

The four local artists chosen for this inaugural program are poised to make significant contributions to the cultural landscape of Wilmington. Their work will not only benefit from the dual support systems but also play a crucial role in bridging the gap between emerging artists and the community they serve. Wilmington Alliance and The Delaware Contemporary are thrilled about this new chapter in their ongoing commitment to supporting local artists, the creative economy, and enhancing cultural vibrancy in Wilmington.

To learn more about Wilmington Alliance, visit: www.wilmingtonalliance.org

To learn more about The Delaware Contemporary, visit: www.decontemporary.org